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SUBJECT: OECD GROUP ON PREFERENCES MEETING

1. GROUP ON PREFERENCES MET JUNE 16 AND 17. SUB-
STANTIVE DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND SECRETARIAT
DOCUMENT TC/GP/75, "FIRST SURVEY OF THE GSP." POINTS
ADDRESSED BY DELEGATIONS INCLUDED: A) RATE OF
UTILIZATION OF SCHEMES; B) APPARENT CONCENTRATION OF
GSP BENEFITS AMONG SMALL GROUP OF BENEFICIARY
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (BDC'S); C) TREATMENT OF LEAST
DEVELOPED BDC'S; AND D) EVOLUTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF
THE GSP.

2. CONCERNING UTILIZATION QUESTION, SEVERAL DELEGA-
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TIONS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT ACTUAL LEVEL OF UTILIZA-
TION WAS GREATER THAN THAT INDICATED BY THE
STATISTICS. ALSO NOTED WERE THE BUILT-IN CONSTRAINTS
WHICH LIMIT THE POSSIBLE LEVEL OF UTILIZATION OF
VARIOUS SCHEMES. ALTHOUGH THE LARGEST VOLUME OF
GSP TRADE IS CONCENTRATED IN A FAIRLY SMALL NUMBER OF
BDC'S, IT WAS NOTED THAT OTHER BENEFICIARIES ALSO

RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEMES. TC/GP/75 WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO TRADE COMMITTEE AS SECRETARIAT PAPER. IN VIEW OF DISAGREEMENT REGARDING VALIDITY OF THE CONCLUSIONS IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF PAPER, THIS WILL MOST LIKELY BE DROPPED FROM VERSION FORWARDED TO TC.

3. GROUP ALSO HELD INFORMAL OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE SHORT-TERM IMPROVEMENTS, SECURITY OF GSP IN LIGHT OF CIEC, AND THE GSP IN THE 1980'S. MAIN ISSUE WAS EXTENT TO WHICH DIFFERENTIATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO SCHEMES. MOST DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED OPINION THAT QUESTION OF DIFFERENTIATION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED INDIVIDUALLY BY EACH DONOR COUNTRY, ALTHOUGH EC INDICATED DESIRE FOR COOPERATIVE EFFORT AMONG ALL DONORS IN THIS AREA.

4. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING WILL BE DECIDED AFTER TRADE COMMITTEE MEETS IN OCTOBER. GENERAL FEELING WAS THAT MEETING AT END OF NOVEMBER WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CONSIDER SECRETARIAT'S SURVEY OF GSP ON BASIS OF COMPLETE 1976 DATA.
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